

12,000 Hear Billy Graham Start Revival

Old-Time Religion
Comes to Hollywood
in 'Crusade' at Bowl

Billy Graham brought the old-time religion back to Southern California yesterday with a rousing Hollywood Bowl revival to start a 16-day "Crusade for Christ."

He said he hoped a welling of religious fervor would start from the crusade and eventually engulf the nation.

It is needed here, he said.
Attended by 12,000
"If there was ever a time when this city needed to turn to God, it's now," the 32-year-old evangelist shouted.

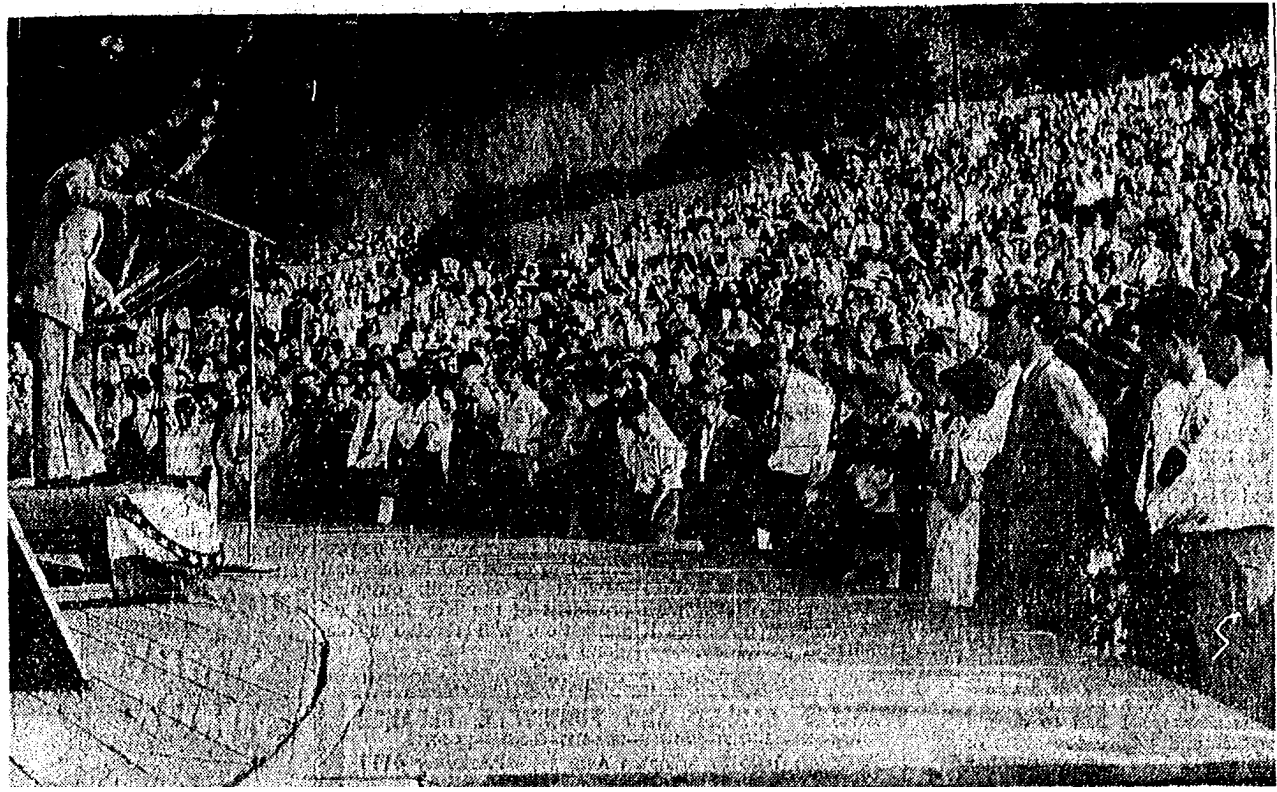
"I'm going to say that if God can sweep to triumph in Hollywood, God can do it any place."
More than 12,000 coatless listeners crowded the lower two-thirds of the Bowl. The vigorous evangelist faced directly into the lowering sun and perspired freely as he pounded home his thesis.

The sky-blue shell was draped with hunting for Dr. Graham's first appearance there. In large red letters, "Christ Is the Answer" was spelled out, and at either side of the platform was spelled in blue letters: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" and "The Gift of God Is Eternal Life."

Hundreds Answer Call
The thousands sat in almost complete silence as the young evangelist tackled sin from the platform.

After his sermon several hundred answered his call to "Come to Christ!" and filed down to the space before the platform.

Dr. Graham emphasized his belief in the doctrine of original sin. Adam, he said, was acting



THAT OLD-TIME RELIGION—Billy Graham shown addressing 12,000 at Hollywood Bowl as he opens his 16-

day "Crusade for Christ." "If God can sweep to triumph in Hollywood, God can do it any place," he said.
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as agent for all men when he took the forbidden fruit from Eve in the Garden of Eden.

"So you were born a sinner!" he shouted. "Yes, the poison of sin is in your blood—and in mine. Let Christ be your master instead of trying yourself to be the captain of your life and destiny."

The big voice boomed out of his rather slender body with increasing enthusiasm and vigor.

Tells Real Problem
"The real problem in Hollywood is sin—S-I-N—one little word.
"Sin is at the root of all your troubles."

Dr. Graham's next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Meetings will be held in the evenings on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the stadium and on Saturdays afternoons at Hollywood Bowl. He will be assisted with a choir selected from 1000 members of the Hollywood and San Fernando Valley Choirs.

Writer Gets Peace Award

FRANKFURT, Sept. 16 (AP)—Dr. Albert Schweitzer, French author and humanitarian, today was awarded a 10,000-mark (\$2380) prize for promoting peace by the West German Association of Book Publishers and Sellers.

West German President Theodor Heuss handed the prize to the white-bearded, 76-year-old Schweitzer before a crowd including high allied and German officials. The writer said the only way out of today's "misery" is for people to become worthy of each other's trust.

Library Contract Let

The Board of Public Works accepted a low bid of \$73,303 by Dorance Builders, Inc., for construction of a branch library building at 8946 Sepulveda Eastway, Westchester.